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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

RONALD BRUCE FORD,

Defendant.

FILED.

DATED: 1:08 pm, March 04, 2021

U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Case No. 2:21-mj-00185-DJA

APPLICATION TO SEAL

COMES NOW the United States of America, by and through Christopher Chiou, Acting United States Attorney, and Andrew W. Duncan, Assistant United States Attorney, respectfully moves this Honorable Court for an Order sealing the Complaint, this Application and the Court's Sealing Order, in the above-captioned matter, until such time as this Honorable Court, or another Court of competent jurisdiction, shall order otherwise.

In this case, an order sealing the Complaint would be appropriate because the attached Complaint relates to an ongoing criminal investigation into violations of 18 United States Code, Sections 922(g)(1), 922(g)(9), and 924(a)(2) – Prohibited Person in Possession of a Firearm; that is neither public nor known to the target of the investigation, and its disclosure may alert the target to the ongoing federal investigation. Accordingly, there is reason to believe that the disclosure of the

1 information contained within the Complaint will jeopardize the investigation, including by giving
2 the target an opportunity to flee or continue flight from prosecution. Additionally, the target is a
3 convicted felon for Home Invasion and possessed firearms in the present case. Therefore, there is
4 reason to believe that notification of the existence of the complaint would likely place law
5 enforcement at higher risk of confrontation when securing the arrest of the target.

6 DATED this 3rd day of March, 2021.

7 Respectfully submitted,
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ORDER TO SEAL

Based on the pending Application of the Government, and good cause appearing therefor,
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Complaint, the Government's Application and this Court's
Sealing Order, in the above-captioned matter shall be sealed until further Order of the Court.

DATED this 4th day of March, 2021.




HONORABLE DANIEL J. ALBREGTS
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE